



Welcome to the  
Probate and Family Court  
Department of the  
Massachusetts Trial Court.

Many Probate and  
Family Law matters  
involve complex and  
valuable legal rights.  
You should always  
speak with an attorney  
before filing any papers.

# LOOKING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE?

This booklet  
contains a list of  
Lawyer Referral Services,  
Free Legal Resources and  
Legal Aid Agencies in

## WORCESTER COUNTY

### LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICES

### LEGAL RESOURCES

The  
Massachusetts  
Trial Court  
provides free  
legal resources

### MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced  
fee panel.

Call (617) 654-0400 or (800) 392-6164

E-mail: [lrs@massbar.org](mailto:lrs@massbar.org)

To register online, visit  
[www.massbar.org/lawhelp/](http://www.massbar.org/lawhelp/)

### BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Referrals to private attorneys, including reduced fee panel.  
Serves mainly Greater Boston, inside Route 495, but will  
provide referrals throughout Massachusetts.

Call (617) 742-0625 or e-mail: [lrs@bostonbar.org](mailto:lrs@bostonbar.org)

For more information, visit  
[www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index](http://www.bostonbar.org/lrs/index)

### LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE OF WORCESTER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Referrals to private attorneys in Worcester County,  
including reduced fee program. Call (508) 752-1311

### MASSACHUSETTS JUDICIAL BRANCH WEB SITE

The official web site of the Judicial Branch includes  
judicial profiles, addresses, phone numbers and  
directions for courthouses as well as other useful  
information about the Trial Court. Click on  
[www.state.ma.us/courts](http://www.state.ma.us/courts)

WORCESTER LAW LIBRARY  
Courthouse, 2 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

FITCHBURG LAW LIBRARY  
84 Elm Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

The Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries are open to  
the public, providing legal reference services and legal  
research assistance. The libraries are open from 8:30 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ask at the Registry of  
Probate for the Law Libraries pamphlet which provides  
more details. Call (508) 770-1899 x185 (Worcester) or

Free  
resources  
offered by the  
Massachusetts  
Bar Association

LEGAL  
SERVICE  
AGENCIES  
These resources  
are available  
only to very  
low income and  
elderly  
individuals

(978) 345-6726 (Fitchburg) or visit the Law Libraries  
web site [www.lawlib.state.ma.us](http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us)

TEL-LAW

Tel-Law is a collection of recorded messages designed  
to answer basic questions about the law. Tel-Law is  
fully automated and you can access it 24 hours/day by  
calling (617) 338-0669. (Toll charges may apply)

WEB SITE

The MBA's web site offers answers to basic legal  
questions. Point your browser to  
[www.massbar.org](http://www.massbar.org)

DIAL-A-LAWYER

The first Wednesday of every month you can get free  
legal help, by telephone, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Lawyer volunteers staff phones to answer your  
questions.

Call (617) 338-0610

MASSACHUSETTS JUSTICE PROJECT

332 Main Street, Suite 640  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-9888 or (888) 427-8989

Provides direct representation in divorce, assistance to  
preserve existing child custody arrangements,  
protection from domestic violence and problems with  
DSS where there is no appointed counsel.

VOLUNTEER LAWYER SERVICE

MASSACHUSETTS JUSTICE PROJECT

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(508) 831-9888 or (888) 427-8989

Private attorneys represent qualifying indigent  
clients on domestic relations issues at no cost.  
Attorneys will provide advice or full  
representation.

LAWYER  
OF THE  
DAY

LEGAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION  
OF CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

405 Main Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Worcester, MA 01608  
For intake, call (508) 831-9888 or (888) 427-8998

Handles divorces for custodial and non-custodial  
spouses if client is victim of domestic abuse.

LEGAL ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Provides telephone information, pro se assistance  
and referrals to legal service agencies.  
Intake hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and  
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to  
3:30 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Call (800) 342-5297

LAWYER OF THE DAY

Private, volunteer attorney offers brief consultation  
at the courthouse providing basic legal advice to  
qualifying individuals on a walk-in basis every day  
except Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Attorney does not continue to advise the individual  
after the initial meeting or accompany individual into  
the courtroom. Attorney may not be available every  
day. For availability, call (508) 770-0825  
or ask at the Registry of Probate.